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FOR:

APPARATUS FOR MEASURING THE PHYSICAL PROPERTIES OF A SURFACE AND A PATTERN GENERATING APPARATUS

FOR WRITING A PATTERN ON A SURFACE

COMMENTS ON EXAMINER'S STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Customer Service Window Randolph Building 401 Dulany Street Alexandria, VA 22314 Mail Stop Issue Fee October 16, 2006

Dear Sir:

The Examiner offers reasons why claims 1-22 of the present application are allowable over the prior art of record. In parent application serial no. 10/692,863, the Examiner offers additional reasons why new claims 23-37 of the present application (previously claims 1-14 of the parent application) are allowable over the prior art of record. Although Applicants agree that the various claimed limitations mentioned in the claims are not taught or suggested by the prior art taken either singly or in combination, Applicants wish to emphasize that it is the language of each claim, including the interrelationships and interconnections between various claimed elements which is

allowable over the prior art of record, and not the Examiner's paraphrasing of claim features which are not present in any of the allowed claims.

Respectfully submitted,

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